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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1904.

DeSoto county gets \$191.50 from tax sale redemptions for the month of March last.

Acadia last Friday night nominated the following excellent municipal ticket: Mayor, Judge Pomeroy; marshal, Sam'l Powell; collector, Dr. Greene; assessor, W. M. Platt; clerk, Rob't. Campbell; treasurer, O. H. Parker; councilmen, R. E. Whidden, Zeb N. Parker, Perry C. Brown.

The special World's Fair edition of the Times-Union appeared last week. It is a superb production of which all Florida should be proud. Many thousands of copies of it are being distributed at St. Louis and will be sure to attract wide-spread attention to the advantages and inducements which our State offers to settlers, tourists and investors. The Times-Union deserves the sincere gratitude of all our people for its patriotic and splendid enterprise.

The Sumterville Times has just entered upon the twenty-third year of its existence. During its career of over twenty years, it has passed through many vicissitudes, in all of which it has stood loyal to its county and State. Under its present editorial manager, Hon. J. C. B. Koonce, it has been greatly improved and has taken rank with the best and ablest and most conscientious newspapers in Florida. May it live long, grow in usefulness and increase greatly in prosperity.

Gainesville Sun:—The committee appointed by Chairman Fletcher as a sub-committee of the State Committee to investigate the charge against Mr. Holloway, in our opinion is a conservative one, but we repeat that they have no power to investigate Mr. Holloway or to act in any way concerning his candidacy. Mr. Holloway was nominated by the Democratic voters, as were the members of the State Committee, and he has as much right to investigate any one of them as they have to investigate his case.

The Tampa Tribune on Sunday is a splendid 8-page supplement devoted to the cigar manufacturing business of Tampa. It was a splendid publication both as regards typographical features and literary excellence. Surely the Tribune is doing a great work for its city as well as for all this quarter of Florida and it should be liberally supported. Nay, it is nobly sustained, for it is filled with live advertising and its subscription list includes hosts of names in every town, village and hamlet in South Florida.

Hon. N. W. Epps, for the past twelve years superintendent of Leon county public schools, was foully assassinated last Saturday night while returning to his home in Bradfordville. Several negroes have been arrested on suspicion of being the murderers and one has confessed that they belong to a "Before Day Club," the same kind of an organization that was the original cause of the late horrors at Statesboro, Ga. With this crime so close to their own doors, it is hoped that the members of the State Board of Pardons will learn a lesson of sternness in dealing with assassins.

ARTISTICALLY PLEASANT.

Gainesville Star:—Editor Jordan, of THE PUNTA GORDA HERALD, says his section is "the Garden of Eden with the serpent left out." It is remarkably strange that a section of the State that has been advertised as extensively as the Punta Gorda section has been advertised, has never become the home of more than one pair of human beings—there was but one pair in Eden, you know—and as Brother Jordan is unquestionably there, he must be the Adam of the Eden. His initials being "A. P." we can now understand that the "A." is for Adam, and suppose the "P." is for Primitive. But name or no name, Eden or no Eden; Brother Adam Primitive Jordan is one of the best newspaper men in the State.

Many thanks, Brother Godwin. The compliment, coming as it does from an adept in journalism, is keenly appreciated.

The allusion to the Garden of Eden had reference solely to the peaceful and happy conditions prevailing here and not to the number of inhabitants.

The initials "A. P." may be taken as standing for Awful Pleasant, being a true description of the production.

THE HOLLOWAY CASE.

The best informed newspapers of the State are of the opinion that the Democratic State Committee has exceeded its authority in ordering an investigation of the charge of forgery which was brought by Mr. Sheats during the primary campaign against Prof. Holloway, the nominee for superintendent of public instruction. The Democratic voters have already investigated the charge and pronounced in favor of Prof. Holloway; and no matter what may be the result of the investigation by the State Committee, that committee has no power to remove Prof. Holloway's name from the ticket even though he should be convicted in some circuit court to-morrow of forgery, theft, arson and other crimes. Herein we find one of the serious defects in our primary law.

If a nominee should die, decline to run or be convicted of crime, no provision is made for supplying his place on the ticket.

Prof. Holloway has been fairly nominated; and under the primary law, he must run, dead or alive, in prison or out, and whether he wishes or not. If he should be defeated, those who voted for his nomination will be responsible. Those of us who did not vote for him in the primary, will assuredly vote for him in the general election. If he is chosen and mismanages the office, those who nominated him must share the odium, if there is any.

It is too late now, however, to inquire as to whether a mistake has been made. We had fully six months previous to the primary to make this inquiry. That was the time to do it. Now is the time to support the ticket.

Those who know Prof. Holloway best, have confidence in his integrity and ability. Their guarantee may safely be accepted by loyal Democrats, who should stand steadfastly together in support of the entire ticket.

Gainesville Sun:—The Tampa Tribune cries out against the indiscriminate granting of permits by the county commissioners for the carrying of firearms of different kinds. The Sun agrees with the Tribune in this matter. The granting of such permits is entirely discretionary with the commissioners, and they should exercise great precaution in granting them.

MRS. TAYLOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Siddle Alice Taylor, who for two years past conducted a boarding house on King street opposite Hotel Punta Gorda, died very suddenly about 1:30 p. m., Sept. 1st inst. Up to thirty minutes before her death she seemed in good health and chatted in a pleasant manner with her friends. About 1 p. m. she went to her room and lay down on her bed and in a few minutes her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bell, heard her groaning and on going to her found her virtually in the agonies of death. Neighbors and friends were quickly summoned, as was also Dr. McQueen, but Mrs. Taylor expired before any one save her sister-in-law could get to her.

Justice Geo. W. McLane impeached a coroner's jury to inquire into the cause of her death; but after a careful investigation, the jury on Friday returned a verdict to the effect that she came to her death from causes unknown. The body was committed to the grave in the creek cemetery on Friday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. L. Hunter, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a member. Mrs. Taylor's husband, Henry Taylor, died very suddenly on March 10th of last year and it was thought that he had been accidentally poisoned. The similarity in the deaths of the two caused considerable comment.

Mrs. Taylor was originally a Miss Bell. She was born in Bogie, N. C., Jan. 5th, 1872, and was married in 1895. A few years previous to her marriage she joined the Methodist Church.

In February, 1901, she and her husband came here and lived here till they died. They leave only one child, Garrett Hinkle, a lad of some seven years. Besides him, Mrs. Taylor leaves several brothers who are engaged in fishing down the bay. They all have the sincere sympathy of all their friends.

Mrs. Taylor was an industrious woman, a careful manager, and she leaves her little son well provided for.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

The State Democratic Committee has issued the following announcement:

"Hon. N. B. Broward, nominee for Governor, the nominees for the various State offices, presidential electors, nominees for Congress, and other distinguished speakers will address the people on all questions of State and National interest at the times and places noted below. Among those who have volunteered to assist in the canvass and who will speak, in addition to the candidates, are: Hon. R. W. Davis, D. H. Mays and others, together with members of this committee."

The campaign speaking is announced to occur at Tampa, Thursday, September 22, at 8 p. m.

Other dates in this section are: Bradenton, 23, 8 p. m.; Plant City, 24, 12 m.; Fort Myers, 26, 10 a. m.; Arcadia, 26, 9 p. m.; Bartow, 27, 10 a. m.; Lakeland, 27, 8 p. m.; Kissimmee, 27, 12 m.; Orlando, 29; Dade City, 30, 8 p. m.; Brookville, October 1, 11 a. m.

CONFEDERATE RE-UNION.

Official notice is given that the next re-union of Confederate Veterans of DeSoto county will be held at Lakeland, on Thursday, September 15th inst. All veterans are urged to attend. Arrangements are being made to have a large number of delegates present. The time is in store for a grand reunion.

INTERESTING LOCAL ITEMS.

[By a Volunteer Reporter.]

Mr. M. S. Davis lost a good mule last week, caused from sand eating.

Mr. J. H. Hill went to Tampa two weeks ago with his horse and wagon, going through the country, and we hear he is now at work in that great big city making \$8.00 per day.

Capt. Dan Ward had a death in his family a few days ago, that of a little pointer dog. He was buried with due honors in the garden.

Mr. Will Webb has quit cooking for the fishermen and gone to work in the hotel business down the bay.

Capt. Glenn Polson says he is getting tired of living like he is living now, and is going to South Africa where he can hear from his home. He says his people won't write to him, but we hear different from that. There is an attraction in Swansboro, N. C., which takes Glenn's notice, and that's the South Africa he is going to, we reckon.

The churches were tolerably well represented last Sunday. Rev. Graham preached to the young folks at night.

The public school opened last Monday with good attendance, so said.

Mrs. D. H. Ward, Mrs. Jas. Underhill and Mrs. J. A. Roberts have commenced fall gardening. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Underhill have set out a nice sweet potato patch each. Mrs. Roberts will plant a barrel of Irish potatoes to commence with.

Pineapples seem to be down in the mouth at this time. Mrs. D. H. Ward shipped some to Boston, Mass. and some to Philadelphia, Pa., receiving returns of from 95c. to \$1.25 per crate. Guess we will eat the rest of this summer's stock.

Nice growing weather now for farmers and gardeners, as it rains nearly every day.

Capt. John C. Lewis tells us that one day last week his boats brought up 48,000 lbs of fish in one day.

The "Nellie," Capt. Ward; the "Roy," Capt. Willis, auxiliary fish cruisers for Geo. T. Brown & Co., seem to be doing a big business in the fish line, making about eight to ten trips a week from down the bay, a distance of some 25 or 30 miles, bringing from 2,000 to 10,000 lbs each trip.

Mr. L. T. Blockson went to Jacksonville last week on the excursion, returning next day.

Messrs. Elliott and Earnest's dry goods stores still continue to attract the Punta Gorda people, especially the women folks. Last Monday it looked like Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in front of these two stores. We don't know how it looked inside, as we couldn't get within 40 ft. of them. Guess they sell some goods at moderate prices. G. W. W.

UNPRECEDENTED SHOWING.

Tampa Tribune:—The entire tax levy for Hillsborough county for the year 1902 has been paid.

All but 2 per cent. of the total tax levy of Hillsborough county for the year 1903 has been paid.

All but 57 cents of the special tax levy for the payment of interest on the good roads bonds has been paid.

The Tribune feels safe in challenging any other county in the South to produce such a showing of tax paying.

In every county there is usually a large element of property owners who, through misfortune or poverty, find it impossible to meet their regular dues to the tax collector. There is every year a large delinquent balance which represents the financially embarrassed portion of the tax-paying population.

There is such a small portion of this sort of people in Hillsborough county that they are not worthy of mention. Only 2 per cent. of the property owners of Hillsborough county have been unable to settle with the tax collector.

And thereby hangs a tale of the most prosperous city in Florida—the banner county of the State in more essentials than one.

And, in this particular regard, undoubtedly the banner county of the entire South.

"YOUR MOTHER."

We have just received one of the most beautiful home songs that has of late come to this office. It is called "YOUR MOTHER," written by J. T. Rider. This is a song that everybody ought to buy and everybody ought to sing.

CHORUS

Why, your mother, your own mother, Such affection could come from no other In sunshine or rain, in pleasure or pain The one you loved best was your mother.

PRICE FIFTY CENTS PER COPY.

Readers of our paper, by sending 25 cents in postage stamps to The Theatrical Music Supply Co., 44 West 28th St., New York, will receive a copy mailed to them post paid.

Notice to The Public.

I have added Plumbing to my Tinning Department, and am now prepared to do all kinds of Plumbing work,—to cut and thread pipes of any size and get out any kind of fittings wanted. I also keep in stock pipes of different sizes, bushings, water cocks, fittings and all other appliances for plumbing.—D. B. CURTIS, Tinner and Plumber, Swift's former stand.—Work done anywhere in the county on short notice.

NURSERY STOCK REDUCED.

For the next ten days we will sell trees at half price from the Joshua Creek nursery. Buds we have there are Valencia Late, Hart's Tardiff, Pineapple, and Walter's Grapefruit. This means, to 15 cents for buds on 3 to 4 year old stock, formerly sold at 25 to 30 cents.

DeSoto Nursery Co., B. C. GARDNER, Mgr., Arcadia, Fla.

TO MILL MEN.

Old type is cheaper than rabbit metal and just as good for slow-running boxes. The HERALD has several hundred pounds of old type for sale at 10c. a pound. o. b. Punta Gorda.—35-37.

DEATH OF MR. F. P. ROACH.

Capt. and Mrs. Roe received Wednesday from Mrs. Emily Sweet, of Chicago, a touching letter announcing the death of her brother, F. P. Roach, which occurred in a hospital in that city at 7:30 last Saturday night.

Mr. Roach left here in June, going to Chicago; and shortly after reaching there was taken down with typhoid fever and went to a hospital for treatment. In addition to the expert medical attention given him, he was tenderly and assiduously nursed by his devoted sister, Mrs. Sweet. Notwithstanding all this, he steadily declined beneath the ravages of the disease until his spirit took its flight.

It was thought that his usually robust constitution had been weakened by exposure in the swamps of Deep Lake in Lee county, where he had been engaged planting a large grape fruit grove; and in consequence of this, his system did not have sufficient strength to resist the fever.

Previous to coming here, a little over five years ago, Mr. Roach had been a trusted official of the Union Traction Co., of Chicago, and had devoted such untiring energy to his duties that his strength became impaired and he came here chiefly with a view to recuperating. He was attracted by the beauties and delightful location of Utopia island, which in connection with his brother, J. M. Roach, he bought and improved. He had immediate charge of all the improvements there and there, especially the charming hotel, stand as a monument to his taste, skill and judgment.

He was a man of the most untiring energy and he took the keenest interest in the development and upbuilding of this section as well as in public affairs in general. He was possessed of an indomitable will; he persisted in his objects until they were attained; and so far as we have been able to learn, he never aimed at anything discreditable. Indeed, the attainment of those objects which this writer knew he had in view, would have benefited others even more than himself.

During the short time he lived in this section, he became widely known and made many friends who will deeply grieve to know that they will meet him no more on this side of the "great divide."

Very little of his history is known here. He was about 50 years old, a native of Illinois, a widower, without children. That is all, but every one knew him as a man of character, of strong individuality, always ready to contribute of his means and his energy to meritorious public enterprises—in a word, a valuable citizen whose loss will be felt.

FEATURES OF THE CARNIVAL.

How Jacksonville Proposes to Entertain the Public.

The Jacksonville Carnival program is by no means complete, but enough has been done to give to the public some idea of what the visitors may find.

The general plan of the Carnival will be the same as last year, with a greater variety of attractions. The same high class comedies will prevail, and it will be a Carnival free from freaks, fakes, and immorality.

In the Stadium there will be daily exhibitions of rough riding by the United States cavalry; fireworks display at night, the largest and best ever seen in the south; a line ballet by twenty-four professional dancers of New York; special feats of daring by some of the highest salaried men and women in America; a horse show during two performances; band concerts twice daily, etc.

On the "Pike" there will be twenty or more of the very choicest individual attractions that can be secured. These will include the celebrated Streets of India, an Athenaeum Circus, a Wild West Show, the Volcano, the Galveston Dog, Dog and Pony Circus, a Japanese Tea Garden, with a troupe of Japanese men and women, a Russian Village, and a number of other regular Carnival features, such as Mystic Maze, Cave of Winds, Laughing Parlor, Carousal, Ferris Wheel, etc. These attractions are being engaged from the leading resorts in the country, including the World's Fair, Luna Park and Dreamland at Coney Island, the Chicago Carnival and so on.

Prof. Ewald G. Abel, who is well known throughout the south in his profession, has been engaged as director of music, and Prof. Abel will arrive in Jacksonville on the 15th of September to assume his duties in such a position. The band of thirty pieces will be selected from the leading concert bands in the United States. There will be a band also on the Grand Promenade.

Professor Walbert of Des Moines, has been engaged as manager of the Horse Show, and he will also drive a number of professional trotting, jumping and trick horses on this occasion. These horses, however, will only be used to add novelty to the Horse Show feature, and will not be entered for any of the classes.

D. B. CURTIS—Tinner.

Shop opposite Bateman House, Punta Gorda. Will do tin roofing, guttering, galvanized and sheet iron work and general repairing of all kinds in this branch of business. All work guaranteed and done in workmanlike manner. Give me a trial and I will try to please you. Phone No. 48.

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At Wotitzky's.

10 lbs Meal	25c	3 cans tomatoes	25c
10 lbs Grits	25c	6 bars octagon soap	25c
5 lbs Rice	25c	1 lb best butter	30c
3 1/2 lbs Sugar	25c	3 lbs lard	30c
3 1/2 lbs Beans	25c	1 lb good coffee	15c
3 1/2 lbs Peas	25c	1 doz challenge milk	\$1.10

Other Groceries at Correspondingly low Prices. Everything in hardware, ship-chandlery, paints, oils, etc., dry goods, notions, clothing, shoes and hats at winning prices.

ADDITION LOCAL.

Mrs. S. I. Huffman, now in charge of the Commercial Hotel, formerly the Bateman House.

One thousand yam Japanese fancy and straw matting, 20 cent per yd. which is 15 cents below the market price.—H. C. Goldstein.—31.

Some enticing canisters in groceries are offered by that enterprising E. Wotitzky. See a trial in the advertising columns of this paper.

Come and see the elegant Bureaus that have been reduced from \$150.00 and \$180.00 to \$100.00 each. Newly married couple 25 per cent discount.—H. C. Goldstein.—31.

Mrs. E. J. Bunch, Mrs. Carl Hayman, mother and sister respectively of Mr. Jas. A. Newsome, one down from Arcadia Saturday night paid a two-days visit to Mr. Newsome and family.

"TEETHINA" always cures the teeth. It also cures the halitosis. All else has failed. It is a sure cure for a sore throat. "TEETHINA" cures Sore Throat, Sore Gums and Contaminated Gums of the Summer's Heat. Adds to the Regulars the Bowels and costs 25c. Druggists.

A very interesting lecture involving several prominent citizens who were compelled to contribute nearly \$400 to pay a dead mule, is being prepared for the HERALD and is expected to cause much merriment.

We invite a comparison of "Our Pet" brand of Evaporated Cream, which is the best, with any other brand represented to be "just as good." It is farthest and is free from clockwork sediment and other defects.

The committee appointed to get up an exhibit for the South Florida Fair had an interesting meeting in Arcadia Tuesday. As soon as the premium list is issued, the committee will meet in Punta Gorda, and it is hoped that Manager Brown of the Fair, will be present. Due notice of the meeting will be given.

Wise housekeepers insist on having "Our Pet" brand of Evaporated Cream, which is the best, because it goes farthest and is free from clockwork sediment and other defects. Do not let anything claimed to be "just as good."

The waters of the bay in front of town are alive with fish, which are easily hooked, but it means easily landed. Several of our young men had great times with the fish. They hooked a dozen of the silver kings and had glorious sport in landing them, but captured only one. This week, for some unexplained reason, there is nothing doing.

Some one reported the Arcadia people Tuesday by circulating a report that E. E. Cooper's sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment. The Governor and one of more other members of the Pardon Board are out of the State and thus E. E. is reliably informed that no action will be taken in the Cooper case until his return, which will be about the end of this month or the first of next.

An exciting shark chase by Cashier M. V. Williams, of the bank, and Haberdashery, C. C. Blount was reported to the HERALD too late to give details. While fishing in the bay Saturday afternoon, hooked a shark 14 feet long and were towed by the monster several miles. Finally they succeeded in conquering him, hauled him into shallow water near the Long Dock and after admiring his teeth, tail and length, turned him loose to amuse other anglers.

Business Notices.

Oil gray brogan shoes \$1.00 a pair, worth \$1.50, at Earnest's.

R & C Corsets, new styles, just received at Earnest's.

Closing out all calicoes at 30, 40 and 50 at Earnest's.

Men's odd pants at a sacrifice at J. R. Elliott's.

Big sale of men's and youths' summer suits at J. R. Elliott's.

Straw hats for men and boys at a sacrifice at J. R. Elliott's.

Summer goods being closed out at half price at Earnest's.

New lot cheviot shirtings and calicoes just received at Earnest's.

Don't forget our special sales for Monday. It will pay you to call and inspect at Earnest's.

New lot ready made skirts—a nobby lot just received, very low prices at Earnest's.

New lot fancy brilliantine—the newest goods for suitings and skirts just arrived at Earnest's.

Fine fancy lawns at from 12 to 14c per yard, formerly sold at 7 to 85c. One of the greatest bargains ever offered at Earnest's.

Remember that our special discount applies to all cash purchases—10 per cent on all bills of \$10 or over and 5 per cent on all under this amount. See our announcement in another column of this paper.—J. R. Elliott.

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